THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Sorted/ graded fruits and vegetables as per the laid down quality specifications are supplied to Fruits and Vegetables booths by the Plant at Mangolpuri, New Delhi.

(b) No Sir. The concessionaries of booths are neither tortured nor harassed for any kind of complaint made by them. Any complaint received is investigated and action taken based on facts.

-, (c) As per the agreement entered into with the both concessionaries, they are free to check the quantity and quality at the time of taking delivery of fruit and vegetable items from the transporter and as per the system followed, they can refuse to take delivery of any item if the quantity if short or quality is bad.

Grain output

4668. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether grain output recorded a 211 mt. tonnes during 2001-2002;

(b) if so, whether coarse cereals too have gone up impressively in production, alongside staple grain, rice and wheat;

(c) whether the Union Government have made sufficient provision for storing the same;

(d) if so, what is the storing capacity at present; and

(e) what steps have been taken to soe that all the domestic production is fully kept in these godowns?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The production of rice, wheat, coarse cereals and total

foodgrains during 2001-02 is expected to be considerably higher than that in 2000-01 as may be seen from the table below:

(million tonnes)

Crop/Group	Estimated production	
	2000-01	2001-02*
Rice	84.87	90.75
Wheat	68.76	73.53
Coarse Cereals	31.62	33.10
Total Foodgrains	195.92	211.17

*As per the Advance Estimates on 5.4.2002.

(c) to (e) The Food Corporation of India (FCI) is the main agency which provides the capacity for storage of foodgrains. Besides constructing its own godowns, FCI also hires storage capacity from other sources such as the Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC), State Warehousing Corporation (SWCs), State Governments and private parties. The storage capacity of CWC and SWCs is also utilized for storing other notified commodities like fertilizers, seeds, etc. and industrial goods.

The total storage capacity available with FCI, CWC, SWCs and State agencies procuring on behalf of FCI or having decentralized procurement as on 31.3.2002 is 82.06 million tonnes. The Government have also recently launched 'Gram Bhandaran Yojana' which will also supplement the storage capacity. Storage capacity is being created both in public**! private sector keeping in view rising trend in agricultural production and levels of procurement and will be optimally used to store the required quantities of agricultural produce.